



Information Bulletin

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As we near the anniversary date of the terrorist attacks that occurred on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 it is important to consider the potential for incidents on or around this date. It is anticipated that there will be numerous September 11th memorial events conducted in California as well as the nation. It is known that relevant anniversary dates are a planning consideration when terrorist's organizations design their attacks. While some departments may be involved in large memorial events and significant public gatherings, others may experience numerous, relatively small, remembrances held throughout their jurisdiction. The 9-11 anniversary will undoubtedly draw significant media attention and renewed interest in threat intelligence and law enforcement preparations.

Similar to the law enforcement planning leading up to July 4th, public safety departments should become familiar with the major events planned in their jurisdiction and take the appropriate planning and operational measures. Law Enforcement and other public safety agencies may consider meeting with Jewish community leaders (see below) and other religions in your jurisdiction to determine any special 9-11 memorials and to reacquaint your department with the locations of various religious institutions. Other community facilities conducting memorials should also be considered.

Furthermore, as the United States has been the target of attacks by Islamic extremists, so too has Israel and the Jewish community. While the nation memorializes the lives lost last September, the Jewish faith will be in the midst of their "High Holy Days." The religiously important days in the Jewish calendar, as listed in the table below, may be target dates of the anti-Semitic adversary*. It must be emphasized that there is currently no intelligence or known credible threat against any religious institution or planned 9-11 religious or memorial assembly. This bulletin is simply to bring to law enforcement's attention the upcoming meaningful dates and to consider the necessary law enforcement and security precautions pertaining to these dates in September.

Jewish High Holidays beginning at sundown:

Rosh Hashanah	Friday night 9/6, All day 9/7,9/8
Yom Kippur	Sunday night, 9/15, All day 9/16
Sukkot (1st 2 days)	Friday night 9/20, All day 9/21,9/22
Shemini Azteret	Friday night 9/27, All day 9/28
Simchat Torah	Saturday night 9/28, All day 9/29

As a reminder, the OES Law Enforcement Branch has published two bulletins to assist your department in considering the threat of terrorism and what planning issues you may consider:

The Threat of Terrorism: Local Law Enforcement Planning Issues
November 3, 2001

The Threat of Terrorism: Internal Issues for Local Law Enforcement
November 1, 2001

Both of these bulletins, in addition to other terrorism related information may be found by visiting the OES internet web site located at www.oes.ca.gov and clicking on the word “terrorism.” If the OES Law Enforcement Branch can be of help in contingency or consequence planning please contact the branch office in Sacramento at (916) 845-8700. Your inquiry will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief assigned to your area.

* In response to ongoing concerns about the security of synagogues and Jewish institutions in California and across the country, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has provided a series of security awareness initiatives to help communities prepare for the upcoming High Holidays in September. The ADL is making available, on-line, a new guide for security awareness: Security for Community Institutions, and, Security and the High Holy Days ... And Every Day. This information can be found on the Internet at www.adl.org/security.